



Canada
Province of British Columbia
A Proclamation

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom,
Canada and Her other Realms and Territories, Queen, Head of the
Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith

To all to whom these presents shall come – Greeting

WHEREAS karst is formed by the geological process of water dissolving bedrock and shaping the landscape over many thousands of years to create distinctive surface and subsurface features, and

WHEREAS British Columbia is home to diverse karst systems, which are highly valued for their water, plant and animal habitats, scientific and educational value, and recreation and tourism opportunities, and

WHEREAS certain karst features in British Columbia, including some caves, springs and terrain, have important ancestral, heritage and cultural value for many Indigenous communities in British Columbia, and

WHEREAS 2021 is the International Year of Caves and Karst, organized by the International Union of Speleology in partnership with many national and international organizations, with online events scheduled throughout the year to promote increased understanding and protection of caves and karst, and

WHEREAS Caves and Karst Day is an opportunity to raise awareness about the value of caves and karst, and to learn more about conserving and protecting caves and karst;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that June 6, 2021, shall be known as

“Caves and Karst Day”

in the Province of British Columbia.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our Province of British Columbia to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS, The Honourable Janet Austin, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this second day of June, two thousand twenty-one and in the seventieth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

Attorney General and
Minister Responsible for Housing
(counter signature for the Great Seal)

Lieutenant Governor